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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (July 24-31, 2007)

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11. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary sources for these reports are mainstream Turkish press services, such as the Anatolian News Agency, and international wire services. While these are more reliable than most Turkish press sources, they are not necessarily unimpeachable. A major source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website which documents contacts/clashes with the PKK. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

12. (U) From July 24-31, 2007, two security officials were killed in action (KIA). Four security officials, including one village guard, were wounded in action (WIA).

13. (U) From July 24-31, two PKK terrorists were killed in action and six surrendered.

14. (U) The TGS website reported five clashes between security forces and PKK terrorists in the region during the reporting period. Security forces discovered at least 12 PKK shelters/caves and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

15. (U) On July 24, a group of PKKers stopped a vehicle in Tunceli, stole the civilian driver's cell phone and money, and set the vehicle on fire.

16. (U) On July 26, a civilian in the village of Eruh, Siirt Province, who refused to give food to PKKers was abducted, forced into surrounding mountains, and killed.

17. (U) On July 30, a civilian was injured when a land mine set by the PKK exploded in the mountainous region of Sirnak.

18. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES      NUMBER

May 2007 40  
June 2007 40  
July 1-7, 2007 5  
July 8-16, 2007 3  
July 16-23, 2007 2  
July 24-31, 2007 5  
July 2007 (full month) 15

#### CASUALTIES

##### Security Forces

May 2007 15 KIA, 52 WIA  
June 2007 23 KIA, 51 WIA  
July 1-7, 2007 1 KIA, 4 WIA  
July 8-16, 2007 3 KIA, 0 WIA  
July 16-23, 2007 4 KIA, 6 WIA  
July 24-31, 2007 2 KIA, 4 WIA  
July 2007 (full month) 10 KIA, 14 WIA

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#### PKK

May 2007 20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered  
June 2007 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered  
July 1-7, 2007 3 KIA, 0 captured, 0 surrendered  
July 8-16, 2007 3 KIA, 3 captured, 4 surrendered  
July 16-23, 2007 3 KIA, 7 captured, 3 surrendered  
July 24-31, 2007 2 KIA, 0 captured, 6 surrendered  
July 2007 (full month) 11 KIA, 10 captured, 13 surrendered

#### CACHES RECOVERED

May 2007 113  
June 2007 50  
July 1-7, 2007 13  
July 8-16, 2007 8  
July 16-23, 2007 2  
July 24-31, 2007 5  
July 2007 (full month) 28

19. (U) Following are the casualty figures for 2007.

#### TURKISH SECURITY FORCES

	KIA	WIA
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JANUARY	1	2
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	5	4

APRIL	18	16	
MAY	15	42	
JUNE	24	51	
July 1-7, 2007	1	4	
July 8-16, 2007	3	0	
July 16-23, 2007	4	6	
July 24-31, 2007	2	4	
July 2007 (full month)	10	14	
TOTAL	74	139	

PKK			
KIA	Captured	Surrendered	
JANUARY	0	5	3
FEBRUARY	0	14	0
MARCH	16	15	7
APRIL	16	8	4
MAY	20*	31	3
JUNE	34	16	17

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July 1-7, 2007	3	0	0
July 8-16, 2007	3	3	4
July 16-23, 2007	3	7	3
July 24-31, 2007	2	0	6
July 2007(full month)	11	10	13
TOTAL	97	99	47

\* Includes PKK suicide bomber from May 22 attack in Ankara

CIVILIANS			
KIA	WIA		
JANUARY	0	0	
FEBRUARY	1	0	
MARCH	0	0	
APRIL	1	0	
MAY	14*	108*	
JUNE	1	1	
July 1-7, 2007	0	0	
July 8-16, 2007	0	1	
July 16-23, 2007	0	1	
July 24-31, 2007	1	1	
July 2007 (full month)	1	3	

TOTAL            18            114

\* Includes 9 KIA and 100 WIA from May 22 Ankara bombing.

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